

**MBC-IQ-LAB**  
IQ Modulator Bias Controller

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The MBC-IQ-LAB is a bias controller designed to stabilize the three operating bias points of a dual parallel modulator. This new version is fully automated and uses a reduced dither signal to provide a rock stable setpoint of your phase delays over time and environmental conditions. It has been designed for optimal performance in CS-SSB applications to ensure a robust and steady optical carrier extinction.

Finally, a user-friendly Graphical User Interface - GUI - is provided for monitoring and (manual) setpoint adjustments if desired.

FEATURES

- Designed for I&Q modulators
- Automated bias points (Min, Min, Quad)
- High stability
- High sensitivity

APPLICATIONS

- Analog communications CS-SSB

OPTIONS

- Internal photodiode and tap coupler
- Dual drive IQ modulator

**Performance Highlights**

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
DC bias voltage	-12	-	+12	V
Automated locking points	DC1 MIN, DC2 MIN, DC3 QUAD±			-
Control	Remote			-

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Bias Control Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Timing						
Autoset	Auto	Automatic scan	-	20	-	s
Initialisation	-	Bias control stabilization time after a scan	-	30	180	s
Efficiency						
Optical output power stability	-	Standard deviation, over 2 hours, and modulator temperature controlled	-	± 0.1	-	dB

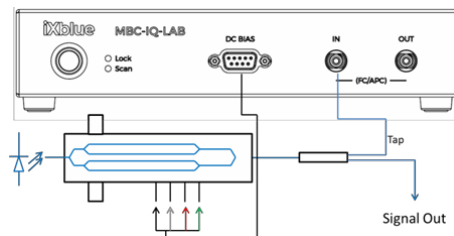
Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
DC1, 2 bias voltage	$V_{bias}$	$VDC_1, VDC_2$	-12	-	+12	V
DC3 bias voltage	$V_{bias}$	$VDC_3$	-13.5	-	+13.5	V
Locking point	$DC_1$	Automated	MIN (0 %)		-	-
	$DC_2$	Automated	MIN (0 %)		-	-
	$DC_3$	Automated	QUAD- (-50 %), QUAD+ (+50 %)		-	-
Dither frequency $DC_1$	$F_{DC1}$	-	-	1120	-	Hz
Dither frequency $DC_2$	$F_{DC1}$	-	-	840	-	Hz
Dither amplitude	$V_{DC1,2,3}$	-	5	-	1 000	mVpp
Dither amplitude step	$\Delta V_{DC1,2,3}$	-	1	-	-	mVpp

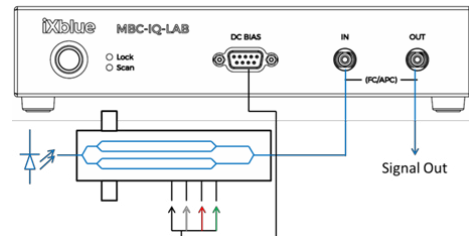
Optical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
MBC-IQ-LAB-A1: MBC with embedded PD and tap-coupler						
Wavelength	$\lambda$	-	1530	1550	1625	nm
Insertion loss	IL	-	-	1.4	-	dB
MBC-IQ-LAB-A0: MBC without PD and tap-coupler						
Wavelength	$\lambda$	MBC-IQ-LAB-A0	900	-	1 600	nm

MBC-IQ-LAB-A0: set-up with an IQ modulator



MBC-IQ-LAB-A1: set-up with an IQ modulator



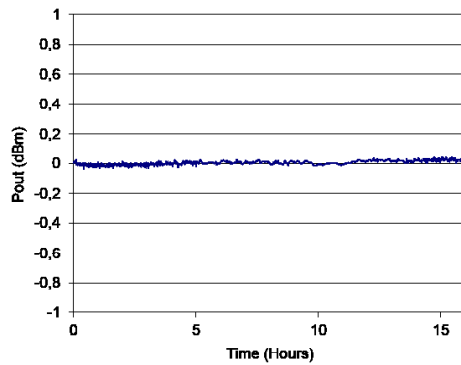
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**Absolute Maximum Rating**

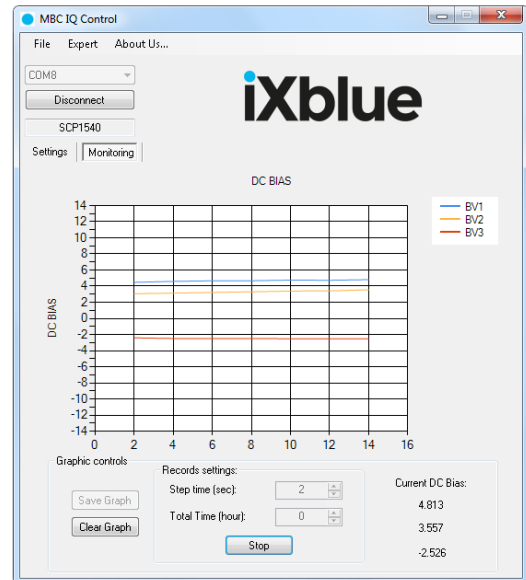
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Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Operating temperature	-	-	-10	-	+45	°C
Storage temperature	-	-	-40	-	+70	°C

**Output Power Stability**



**Graphical User Interface**



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Dimensions	
Dimensions (W x H x D)	220 mm x 220 m x 52 mm
Power supply (rear panel)	100-120 V / 220-240 V automatic switch, 50-60 Hz
Interfaces	
Photodiode Input /coupler input	FC/APC connector
Bias Output	Specific DB9 connector to single channel connector
Communication	USB
Remote Control	
Minimum computer requirements	Windows XP SP3
Computer configuration	Recommended Windows XP-SP3, W7, W8

Ordering information

MBC-IQ-LAB-A0: No coupler, 900 nm to 1600 nm  
MBC-IQ-LAB-A1: Integrated coupler, 1530 nm to 1625 nm

About us

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